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## Trout Value of Sales Decreased 10 Percent from 2017

The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 100 million dollars for 2018, a decrease of 10 percent from 2017. Idaho accounted for 40 percent of the total value of fish sold.

The number of **trout 12 inches and longer** sold during 2018 totaled 35.8 million fish, down 13 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.91, the same as 2017. The value of sales for the 2018 marketing year was 91 million dollars, down 12 percent from 2017. For trout 12 inches or longer, 41 percent were sold to processors.

The number of **6"-12" trout** sold during 2018 totaled 8.05 million fish, an increase of 25 percent from 2017. The average price per pound was \$3.60 during 2018, down 9 percent from the 2017 price. The total value of sales was 7.86 million dollars during 2018, a 5 percent increase from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 52 percent of total sales, followed by wholesale to other producers with 28 percent.

The number of 1"- 6" trout sold during 2018 totaled 6.72 million, an increase of 4 percent from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$197 during 2018, up from \$196 in 2017. The total value of sales was 1.33 million dollars, up 4 percent from last year's total.

## **Distributed Trout**

Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 8.07 million 12" or longer fish, 62.0 million 6"- 12" fish, and 53.1 million 1"- 6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 129 million dollars, down 3 percent from 2017.

## **Trout Losses**

Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 29.1 million fish during 2018. Disease accounted for 92 percent of these losses.

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